

REMARKS

Applicant amends the claims in this case solely to better define the subject matter of the present invention. The new claims are supported by disclosure in the specification and by the figures. After the above amendment, claims 1-9, 11, 14-22, and 29-39 are pending, claims 1, 20, 29, 35, and 37 are independent.

In accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter during the above referenced Interview, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of prior claim 10 and claim 20 has been placed in independent form. The newly presented claim has also been added as claim 37 and various other amendments have been made per the Examiner's suggestions. It is believed that these amendments provide claims which overcome the references discussed in the Interview.

It is expected based on the Interview that the Examiner will restrict this case as comprising three Groups, Group I being claims 1-9, 11, and 14-22. Group II being claims 29-34, and Group III being claims 35-39. In the event that the Examiner feels such restriction is indeed necessary, Applicant would appreciate a telephone call to the below listed Attorney so as to potentially resolve the restriction on the phone.

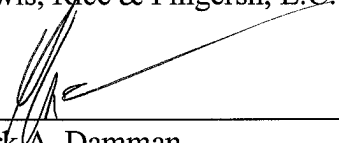
Conclusion

Applicant encloses herewith payment of claims fees for an additional independent claim. Applicant believes no additional fees are due in conjunction with filing this preliminary amendment, however, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies necessary for entering this amendment, including any claims fees and/or extension fees to/from our **Deposit Account No. 50-0975**.

If any questions remain, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call to the below-signed attorney at (314) 444-7783.

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